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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby pelitions for a Three -Month Extension of time up to and including MAY 12, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No.: 18-0990 in the amount of \$475.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to deposit account_number 18-0998.

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